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FUSE satellite arrives at CCAS — processing begins this week



Joint expo for energy, environmental awareness planned April 19-22

▲ NASA's Far Ultraviolet Spectroscopic Explorer (FUSE) satellite, which arrived April 1 at Hangar AE, Cape Canaveral Air Station, began processing on Monday, April 5. The protective shipping cover has been removed and the satellite is undergoing a functional test of its systems. Installation of the flight batteries and solar arrays will follow. Tests are also scheduled for the communications and data systems linking FUSE with the spacecraft control center at The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. FUSE will investigate the origin and evolution of hydrogen and deuterium, the lightest elements in the universe. It will also examine the forces and process involved in the evolution of the galaxies, stars and planetary systems by investigating light in the far ultraviolet portion of the electromagnetic spectrum.

▲ An Environmental and Energy Awareness is being held April 19-22. A wide range of environmental and energy-related exhibits will be on display from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Visitors Center April 19, CCAS Hangar F April 20, badged personnel will be admitted to the CCAS display; all employees and the general public may view the exhibits at the Visitors Center and Officer's Club. For more information, contact Terri

- ♦ See You at the Picnic! The 1999 KSC All-American Picnic is being held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 10, at KARS Park 1. The Picnic is open to all KSC employees, their families and friends. Advance ticket prices are \$4 for adults (age 13 and up); and \$3 for children (ages 3 to 12), available at NASA Exchange Retail stores. The fun includes the KSC "Spaceman"; eight ponies to ride; putt-putt golf; games and prizes; a 1938 model fire truck with a faithful Dalmation dog; Shriner Clowns; Daddy's Choo Choo Train Ride; a carousel (adults can ride this one!); moon walk, kiddy swings; face painting; a model rocket launch demonstration; ice cream, sno cones, cotton candy and popcorn. Check out the Picnic Web Site on the KSC Internal Home Page for more details on the Children's Carnival, Sports Activities, Kid's Fishing Tournament, Wildlife Encounter/Zoo, Cultural Cuisine Cook-Off, Car Show, and Entertainment.
- ◆ O&C Fitness Center Reopens: The new, expanded O&C Fitness Center opened Monday, April 5, resuming normal operating hours of 5:30 a.m. until 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. The locker rooms are not yet completed so employees should continue to use the temporary shower trailers in the east cul-de-sac of the O&C. For more information, contact Amy Douglas via e-mail at Amy.Douglass-1@ ksc.nasa.gov.
- ◆ Did You Know? April is Environmental Health Month. The KSC Health Education and Wellness Program has information on 1) preventing repetitive strain at the computer keyboard, 2) the Facility Asbestos Management System (FAMS), and 3) keeping bottled water dispensers clean. Also, screening for cardiovascular disease is being offered 7 to 8 a.m. April 14 at the Occupational Health Facility and April 15 at the Launch Area Clinic. Fasting for 12 hours (no food or drink except water) before screening is required. Questionnaires for the screening are available at all medical facilities.

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